

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026, 10:00 AM, REGULAR SESSION
UPSHUR COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 150 E. JEFFERSON ST., GILMER, TEXAS

AGENDA

1. Invocation and Pledges.
2. Citizens comments.
3. Consider and take action on approval of:
 - A. The minutes of previous meetings;
 - B. Payroll changes;
 - C. Payroll;
 - D. Budget amendments;
 - E. Accounts payable;
 - F. Auditor reports; Treasurer reports; Bonds; Oaths; Deputations; Certificates; State and County Taxes Summary; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in excess of \$2500.00; Order Setting Salaries of the Upshur County Auditor and Assistant Auditors; copy of invoice from Custom K Welding & Fencing for 2.78 miles of fencing on Upshur County School Land; and applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of-way and permit requests.
4. Hear any updates and discuss and take necessary action concerning the Round XII Courthouse Grant Renovation.
5. Discuss and take action to approve a Contract for Fines and Fees Collection Services between Upshur County and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the Upshur County District Clerk and Upshur County Clerk.
6. Discuss and take action to approve the continuation of the imposition of the optional motor vehicle fees of County Road and Bridge Fee and Child Safety Fee for the Calendar Year 2027.
7. Discuss and take action to approve the transfer of a zero-turn Gravely ZT XL-42 (model 915206, Serial no. 040120) from the maintenance department to the Upshur County Sheriff's Office.
8. Discuss and take action to approve a new School Resource Officer (SRO) Interlocal Agreement for Harmony ISD.
9. Discuss and take action to approve the revised floor plan and office assignments for the Upshur County Courthouse.
10. Discuss and take action to approve the Order of Election for the November 3, 2026 General Election.
11. Discuss and take action to appoint the election judges and alternate election judges for the 2026-2028 term beginning September 1, 2026.
12. Discuss and take action to set the early voting times and locations for the November 3, 2026 General Election.
13. Discuss and take action to set the election day polling locations for the November 3, 2026 General Election.
14. Discuss and take action to set Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees for 2027.

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15. Discuss and take action to terminate the burn ban, allow it to continue as it is presently issued or to extend the burn ban due to the continued need of the unincorporated areas of the County for protection from outdoor burning.
16. Discuss and take action to approve the FY 27 PROPOSED property tax rate by RECORD VOTE. The Proposed Property Tax Rate is \$0.514 which is the Current Tax Rate.
17. Discuss and possibly take action on the FY 27 Proposed Budget.
18. Discuss and take action to schedule the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for August 31, 2026 at 10 a.m. in the Upshur County Courtroom.
19. Discuss and take action to schedule the Public Hearing on the Tax Increase (any rate above the NO-New Revenue Rate) for September 15, 2026 at 10 a.m. in the Upshur County Courtroom.
20. The Court will/may go into CLOSED SESSION under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as indicated:

_____ Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney(s);

_____ Section 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property);

_____ Section 551.0725 (deliberation and discussion of contracts being negotiated);

_____ Section 551.073 (deliberation about gifts and donations);

_____ Section 551.074 and 551.0745 (personnel matters);

_____ Section 551.076 (deliberation about security audits or security devices).

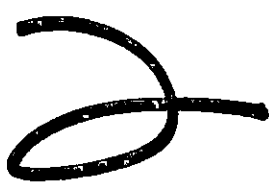
TO WIT:

- A. Consideration of the Round XII Project administration in reference to the Courthouse Renovation.
- B. Consideration of Round XII Renovation Funding and ARPA Grant requirements consistent therewith.
- C. Consider Departmental requests, if any that include personnel assignments or any contracts under negotiation.
- D. Consideration of the IT Consulting Contract.

21. The Court will re-convene into open session and take any action necessary as a result of Executive Session.

22. Adjourn.


Todd Tefteller,
Upshur County Judge

 8-10-2026
@ 5:05 P.M.

Upshur County

Taxpayer Impact Statement

Purpose: The statement compares the estimated property tax bill for an average homestead taxable value at the proposed tax rate and at the no-new-revenue rate, in compliance with House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, amending section 551.043(a) of the Texas open Meetings Act.

The Upshur County Commissioners Court is considering adoption of a property tax rate of \$ 0.514 per \$ 100 valuation for the 2026 tax year and 2027 fiscal year. This rate is 3.54 % higher than the no-new revenue rate of \$ 0.496403 per \$ 100 valuation.

If adopted, the owner of a median home valued at \$ 157,657 will pay approximately \$ 27.74 more in county property taxes in 2027 as compared to 2026.

The additional revenue will be used to fund:

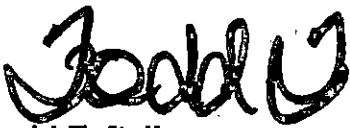
- Purchase of Road and Bridge Equipment.
- Purchase of additional Road and Bridge materials.
- Costs associated with the establishment of an Animal Control Facility.
- Increase in employee salaries to meet cost of living inflation.
- Necessary improvements to the 115th District Court.
- Funding of new positions for the District and County Courts.
- Additional funding in Capital Murder Contingency to offset expected capital murder trial costs.

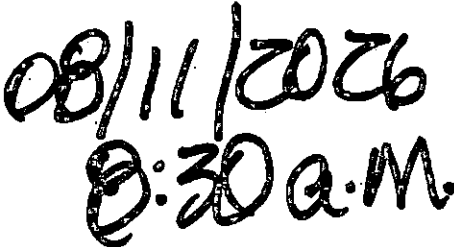
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PUBLIC HEARING

1. The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing concerning whether the agreement to be considered is necessary for the unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the Upshur County District Clerk and Upshur County Clerk to be collected in the most effective manner. The County desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Upshur County Commissioner's Court will be held on August 14, 2026 at the County Commissioner's meeting room for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs as provided in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 103.0031 and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the Upshur County District Clerk and Upshur County Clerk to be collected in the most effective manner. The County desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 50 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the County does not currently possess.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the County due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 103.0031. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee in the amount of 30 percent in certain cases to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the County.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the County because the unpaid fines, fees and court costs will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the County of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.

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